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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich,

From: William T Fujioka  
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## **REPORT ON THE PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING THE TITLE IV-E WAIVER EVALUATION AND FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES USED FOR MEDICAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**

On June 26, 2007, on motion of Supervisor Don Knabe, the Board directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back every 30 days on the progress in strengthening the Title IV-E Waiver evaluation by planning, including data management and technology funding necessary to effectively measure the success of the Waiver and how to address the issue of the funding for the Public Health Nurses being used for medical health assessments of children in foster care.

Program staff from the Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation have been working with the State's Title IV-E program evaluator to review County's Capped Allocation Demonstration Project (CADP) Plan, to ensure protocols and programs are developed to effectively measure the success of the Waiver. In addition, on June 26, 2007, your Board approved an agreement with The Casey Family Foundation to fund project management staff, identify other resources that could be made available to supplement the statewide Evaluation Plan, and provide for more detailed qualitative and quantitative local evaluation efforts. DCFS has also filled two key information technology positions specifically for the development of the Financial Reporting Tools and COGNOS programs, necessary to track Waiver expenditures and assessment of program outcomes.

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With regard to the issue of funding for the Public Health Nurses (PHN), the CEO, DCFS and the Department of Public Health (DPH) have met to discuss various options available to the County to sustain sufficient funding to maintain existing staffing levels of PHNs being used for medical health assessments and consultations for children in foster care. Due to the recent Board-approved salary increases for the County nurse items (including PHNs); the amount of funding DPH receives from the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) for the State/Federal Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) will fund fewer PHN items. As a result of CDHS' inability to increase DPH's HCPCFC State funding allocation to support these salary increases (which would be matched 25/75 percent by federal funds), DPH calculates that this will result in the loss of 20 budgeted PHN items, and one supervisor assigned to DCFS District offices. Even though these HCPCFC PHNs can only be used to assist social workers in assessing the medical health needs of children not in their home, their loss will significantly affect the ability of DCFS to achieve its goals under the Waiver.

We will report back to your Board in our next status report with potential options to address this issue. Please let me know if you have any questions, or you may contact Brian Mahan at (213) 974-1318.

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